Construction of the bridge at Kayankulam.

24. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of years that have elapsed since the old bridge at Kayankulam was demolished;

(*b*) the date on which the construction of a bridge in its place was commenced;

(*c*) whether the construction is complete;

(*d*) if not, how far the work has progressed;

(*e*) the probable additional number of years that may be required for completing the work;

(*f*) the amount that has been spent for the bridge till now (12-4-1107);

(*g*) the amount that may be required for the further construction of the bridge; and

(*h*) the reason for such a long delay in completing the work?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About three years.

(*b*) In Meenam 1104.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Proceedings for the acquisition of land are in progress.

(*e*) This depends upon the availability of funds. Normally, 18 months' time will be enough to complete the bridge.

(*f*) Rs. 6,687.

(*g*) About Rs. 35,600.

(*h*) Owing to unforeseen difficulties in screwing down piles and to the request of the Municipal President that a wider bridge should be constructed, the original proposals were given up and a revised estimate to entirely reconstruct the bridge with a single span, had to be prepared and sanctioned. The work has since been held up, pending land acquisition proceedings and financial stringency.

Adjournment Motion.

[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan handed a paper to the President for the adjournment of the business of the Council].

PRESIDENT: Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan has asked leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing the following motion:—

"The necessity for the suspension of coercive action by the officers of the Land Revenue Department for the collection of revenue?"

Has the member leave of the House?

Leave was granted.

PRESIDENT: The matter will be discussed at half-past three.

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